

## Message Text

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EO 11652: N/A  
TAGS: CDES, CU  
SUBJECT: AMCIT DEATH: MERCEDES MATELLANE

1. CUBATUR (MARCEL) INFORMED USINT, AFTERNOON JULY 27, THAT AMCIT MERCEDES MATELLANE (PASSPORT H 1767277, BORN 1902, PANAMA) WAS KILLED IN TRAFFIC-RELATED ACCIDENT, MORNING, JULY 27, IN HAVANA. CUBATUR STATES THAT MISS MATELLANE ARRIVED IN CUBA WITH GROUP OF MEXICAN TOURISTS. CUBANS BELIEVE MISS MATELLANE IS RESIDENT OF SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, BUT ARE UNCERTAIN OF PRECISE ADDRESS AND NOK DATA. MISS MATELLANE'S PASSPORT WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL TOMORROW, FRIDAY, JULY 28. CUBAN AUTHORITIES WILL PERFORM OBLIGATORY AUTOPSY. COST OF CREMATION/BURIAL AND TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED JULY 28.  
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